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SUBJ: IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2/25: AGENDA ITEM 1

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SUMMARY: AFTER GENERAL DEBATE LASTING SOMEWHAT LONGER THAN USUAL ON THIS ROUTINE ITEM, BOARD APPROVED REPORT OF TAC COMMITTEE (GOV/1706 AND &9;/1706/ADD.1). MAIN THEMES DEVELOPED WERE NEED FOR MORE FUNDS FOR TA(WITH PROPORTIONATELY LESS GOING TO AFFLUENT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES), AND CONCERTED PITCH BY SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES FOR PREFERENCE TO NPT PARTIES IN PROVISION OF TA. LOW KEY OBJECTIONS BY SOVIETS, GDR, BULGARIA AND IRAQ TO PROVISION OF TA TO ROK, RVN, ISRAEL AND CHILE ALSO OFFERED FOR RECORD. END SUMMARY.

1. ASIDE FROM ORCHESTRATED PITCH OF EASTERN BLOC MEMBERS ON NPT-PARTY PREFERENCE ISSUE, POSITION TAKEN BY SPEAKERS ON THIS ISSUE PROVED TO BE FAR MORE PREDICTABLE THAN WAS TIME DEVOTED TO THEM. GOVERNORS WERE TREATED TO USUAL COMPLAINTS FROM LDCS THAT FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR TA ARE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET NEEDS OF DEVELOPING WORLD, PARTICULARLY RE SCHEDULE C PROGRAMS (I.E., PROGRAMS CONSIDERED BY IAEA TO BE TECHNICALLY SOUND BUT WHICH CANNOT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCOMPLISHED FOR LACK OF FUNDS. THESE AMOUNT TO \$973,000

WORTH IN 1975).

2. INDIAN GOVERNOR (MEHTA) REMINDED BOARD THAT A YEAR AGO SOME GOVERNORS HAD ASSERTED THAT INCREASE IN TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION COULD NOT BE UTILIZED BY AGENCY AND POINTED TO LARGE SCHEDULE C AMOUNT WHICH PROVED THAT GREATER FUNDS WERE INDEED JUSTIFIED. HE URGED THAT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TARGET BE UPPED TO WHERE SCHEDULE C WOULD DISAPPEAR ALTOGETHER. PAKISTAN GOVERNOR (KHAN) LIDELIKE CALLED FOR INCREASE IN TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO \$6 MILLION FOR 1976. PHILIPPINE RESREP (SIAZON) ARGUED THAT INFLATION AND DOLLAR DROP HAD RESULTED IN REAL DROP IN VALUE OF TA FUNDS AVAILABLE SINCE 1971 DESPITE INCREASE IN DOLLAR AMOUNT. HE ALSO URGED THAT AGENCY AND MEMBERS FIND WAYS TO FINANCE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE C OF TAC REPORT, NOTING THAT OF SCHEDULE C PROJECTS, 13 WERE IN COUNTRIES PARTIES TO NPT. TURKEY AND ARGENTINA ALSO CALLED FOR MORE TA FUNDS.

3. WHILE ALL LDC SPEAKERS CALLED FOR MORE TA FUNDS, SOME STATED THAT TIME HAD COME TO RECONSIDER AMOUNT OF AID GIVEN TO NEWLY-AFFLUENT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ZAIRE GOVERNOR (MALU WA KALENGA), FIRST SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM, ASKED SECRETARIAT WHAT AGENCY PROPOSED TO DO ABOUT HOPE EXPRESSED BY TAC THAT SUCH STATES WOULD BECOME "NET DONOR COUNTRIES." PAKISTANI GOVERNOR CALLED OUTRIGHT FOR "VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT" ON PART OF NEWLY AFFLUENT LDCS.

3. RESPONSE TO THEIR PRESENTATIONS WAS BRIEF. FRG GOVERNOR (LOOSCH) ASSURE LDCS THAT FRG WOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER DEFERRED TA REQUESTS LISTED ON SCHEDULE C AND AGREED WITH VIEW THAT NEWLY-AFFLUENT LDCS SHOULD RECEIVE IN TA NO MORE THAN THEY PAY IN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. FRG ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO ANNOUNCE FRG FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF TRAINING COURSE TO BE HELD IN KARLSRUHE IN FALL. SOUTH AFRICA (VON SCHIRNDING) ASKED SECRETARIAT TO PUBLISH SCHEDULE C REQUESTS IN GREATER DETAIL AND IN MORE TIMELY FASHION FOR CONSIDERATION OF FINANCE MINISTRIES. SECRETARIAT (DDG BITTENCOURT) NOTED IN REPLY THAT ONE NEWLY-AFFLUENT COUNTRY (IRAN) HAD RESPONDED GENEROUSLY TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TARGET AND DDG HOPED MORE WOULD FOLLOW SUIT. HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTED THAT TWENTY SCHEDULE C PROJECTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN FUNDED.

4. THREE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN BLOC (USSR, BULGARIA, GDR) READ STATEMENTS OF HOMAGE TO NPT WHICH WENT ON TO ASSERT THAT IN INTEREST OF BENEFITS TO WORLD AFFORDED BY NPT, PREFERENCE IN "PRIVILEGE" OF PROVISION OF TA SHOULD BE GIVEN TO NPT PARTIES. INDIAN RESREP (MEHTA) IN REPLY

SUGGESTED "SERIOUS PROBLEMS" WHICH WOULD ENSUE IF NON-DISCRIMINATORY CRITERIA FOR PROVISION OF TA WERE ALTERED.

5. USSR (MOROKHOV) AND BULGARIA GAVE USUAL TOKEN, BRIEF STATEMENTS OF OBJECTION TO PROVISION OF TA TO ROK, SOUTH VIETNAM, ISRAEL AND "REACTIONARY MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE." GDR GOVERNOR TOOK EXCEPTION ONLY TO CHILE; IRAQI GOVERNOR TOOK EXCEPTION ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, TO TA FOR ISRAEL, SOUTH VIETNAM AND CHILE. ROK COUNSELLOR KANG TOOK FLOOR TO DELIVER BRIEFLY POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT THAT ALL MEMBERS OF AGENCY ARE EQUALLY ENTITLED TO RECEIPT OF TA.

6. IN CONCLUDING DISCUSSION OF TA FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF GOV/1706, DG ANNOUNCED KARLSRUHE TRAINING COURSE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 8 TO DECEMBER 19, TO BE FINANCED FROM OPERATING FUND 2. FORTY PEOPLE WILL BE STUDENT LIMIT PER COURSE, BUT COURSE WILL BE REPEATED THREE TIMES IN 1976, AGAIN AT KARLSRUHE, AND AT ARGONNE (US) AND SACLAY (FRANCE). LATER, COMPLEMENTARY COURSES (FOLLOW ON PHASES) WILL BE PLANNED FOR LATE 1976 WHEN DEMAND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. TAPE

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